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McAllister Announces Staff Promotion and Appointment at the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office

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San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced today that the Office has made several staff changes, effective today. Ben Trovaten will retire from his position as Chief Deputy Tax Collector. Maria Fuchs, who is the current Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector for Administration and Support, will assume responsibility over tax collection operations. Dominic Nguyen will fill the position vacated by Maria and take over the Office's administration and support functions. "Ben's retirement means the loss of a very experienced, dedicated and effective manager in a key area of our operations," said McAllister. "At the same time, we are pleased and fortunate to have Maria and Dominic in their new positions, both of whom have very accomplished records as managers and strategic thinkers to provide leadership in our Office."

Ben Trovaten has more than thirty years of service with the County of San Diego, the past nineteen years of which have been with the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. During his tenure within the Office, he implemented many of the Office's tax collection strategies. "His honest, straightforward approach was instrumental to the accurate and efficient collection of billions of dollars in taxes every year. We commend him for his many years of exemplary service to the public," said McAllister.

Maria Fuchs began working for the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office in 2003 as Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector for Administration and Support. In that role, she led many of the Office's initiatives to improve customer service, streamline operations, overhaul the information technology systems and implement workplace management best practices. In her new position, Fuchs will be responsible for the day-to day and strategic aspects of tax collection for the County. Prior to joining the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, Fuchs was Associate Vice-President of Human Resources for High Solutions Technology, Inc. She also worked in private practice as an employment law attorney and a staff attorney for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California. Fuchs received her B.A. from Harvard University and her law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Dominic Nguyen joins the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where he was a manager in the company's Office of Auditor Independence and also a senior management consultant in the federal, state and local government practice. As a consultant, he provided a wide range of management, information technology, communications and project management services to entities such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Department of Defense, and the City of Los Angeles. Recently, he administered FEMA's Public Assistance Program for the Cedar, Paradise and Otay Wildfires. Nguyen has also served at the White House as a special assistant to the White House Chief of Staff and the US Secretary of Transportation. As Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector for Administration and Support, Nguyen will have management and oversight of the Office's human resources, budget management, procurement and communications. Nguyen has a B.A. from Northwestern University and a Masters of Public Policy/Administration from Harvard University.

"Maria has been an important part of my office from the beginning and in her new position, she will continue her outstanding service," said McAllister. "I'm also very pleased that Dominic Nguyen has made the decision to join my team. These staff appointments provide us with a great opportunity to leverage both existing and new talents and skills to further support the County's interests."

The San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office provides investment, banking and other financial services for the County and collects all property taxes. The Office manages the \$4.1 billion investment pool for the County and collects nearly \$3.0 billion in property taxes annually.

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